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## Two missing U.S. soldiers are found dead



Courtesy photo  
Army Pfc. Kristian Menchaca is pictured here during basic training.

From staff and wire reports

The bodies of two U.S. soldiers reported captured last week have been recovered, and an Iraqi official said Tuesday the men were "killed in a barbaric way."

Al-Qaida in Iraq claimed responsibility for killing the soldiers, and said the successor to slain terror leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi had "slaughtered" them, according to a Web statement that could not be authenticated. The language in the statement suggested the men had been

beheaded.

U.S. Maj. Gen. William Caldwell said the remains, found late Monday by American troops, were believed to be those of Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, 23, of Houston, and Pfc. Thomas L. Tucker, 25, of Madras, Ore.

Caldwell said the cause of death was "undeterminable at this point," and that DNA tests would be conducted to confirm the identities.

As the families of two missing soldiers waited to hear from the U.S. military today, the uncle of one lashed out at

the government, saying it didn't do enough to bring the men home safe.

"Because the U.S. government did not have a plan in place, my nephew has paid for it with his life," Ken MacKenzie, uncle of Army Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, told NBC's "Today" show.

Meanwhile, the wife of that soldier remained in virtual seclusion with family members here in Big Spring.

Earlier today, a senior Iraqi military official announced that the bodies of the two missing soldiers had been

found.

Menchaca's mother, Maria Vasquez, was sobbing when she answered the door of her Brownsville home.

Her niece, Felipa Gomez, was with her and said a U.S. military official had told them it could take several hours to complete DNA tests to confirm the bodies' identities. She said the family had been watching television news reports of the Iraqi military announcement.

The report that the soldiers had been found came from

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## Runoff

### Voting remains light as end of early period nears

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

With the last day of early voting in the District 2 City Council runoff election here, officials say there's good news and bad news.

The bad news is that voting remains light in the election, which pits Donna Gamboa vs. Manuel Ramirez Jr. to see who succeeds outgoing council member Woody Jumper.

The good news is, as light as early voting is, it's still ahead of the pace set during the general election earlier this year.

Howard County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom said that, as of mid-afternoon Monday, 33 early ballots had been cast. While still consid-

ered extremely light, that number outpaces totals from the first election, in which only 20 District 2 residents cast early votes.

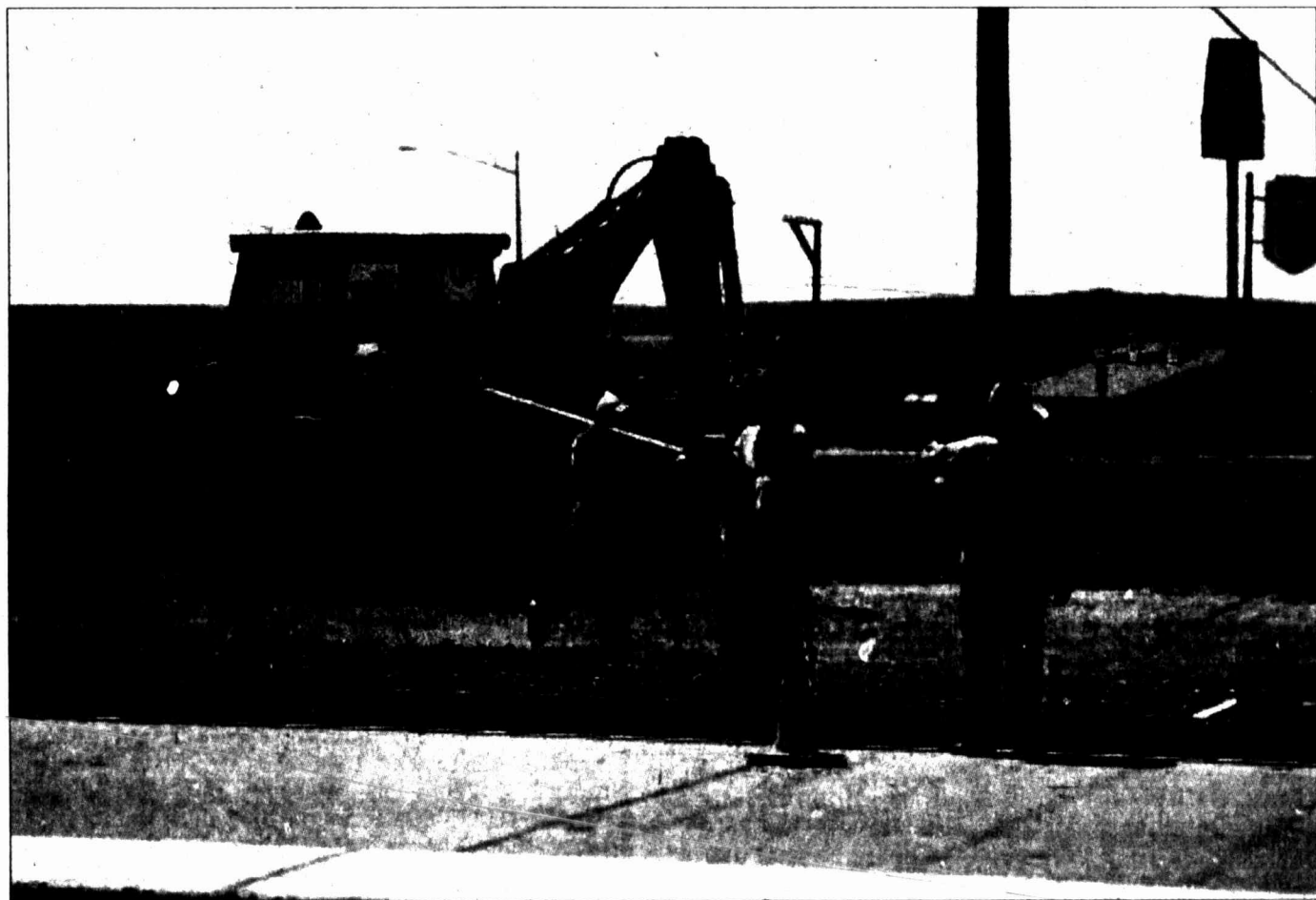
Only 55 people, barely 3 percent of total registered voters in the district, cast ballots in the May 13 general election.

Gamboa received 25 votes to Ramirez's 16, with the race's third candidate, Cindy Lopez, earning 14 votes.

Since none of the candidates received a majority of the votes, Gamboa and Ramirez are going head to head in the runoff.

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## BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT



Workers employed by Tenpenny Construction of Albany prepare forms along the Interstate 20 north service road across from TravelCenters of America. The \$120,000 project is being done to improve the looks of the I-20 and U.S. Highway 87 intersection leading into Big Spring from the north. Construction should take about three months.

Herald photo/Thomas Jenkins

## FISD taxpayers not likely to see relief this year

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

**FORSAN** — A sharp increase in property valuations will constitute a sort of double-edged sword for Forsan school district taxpayers this coming fiscal year.

On one hand, the \$41 million increase in property valuations within the district means officials will definitely collect more revenue next year.

However, the news also means that, even with an expected 13-cent decrease in the property tax rate, district taxpayers will see little difference in their tax bills.

Superintendent Randy Johnson told FISD trustees

Monday that the certified estimate from the county appraisal district raised valuations in the school district from \$280 million to \$321 million for the coming fiscal year.

Such a sharp increase in valuations means the district will be able to raise close to the same revenue as the previous year, even with the tax rate set to drop from \$1.50 per \$100 valuation to \$1.37, regating a lot of the scheduled tax relief this year.

"Taxpayers should see some decrease in their tax bills this year, but I don't see them getting the kind of decrease the state promised because of the increase in valuations," Johnson said.

Significant tax relief for FISD

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## Elbow Elementary pre-K program expanding to full day next school year

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

**FORSAN** — School district trustees here voted Monday to expand the pre-kindergarten program to full-day status.

The Elbow Elementary pre-K program, which ran for a half-day during its first year of operation in 2005-06, will expand to a full day with the start of classes in August.

Elbow Elementary Principal Steve Osborn said the full-day program will follow the same schedule as other grades at the campus, and will accept up to



Osborn

16 students for the coming school year.

The program will only accept children from families that qualify for free or reduced-price meals, speak English as a second language, are considered homeless or are dependents of military service personnel.

Osborn requested the change because the half-day program experienced problems in two major areas during the past school year.

The first problem was in attendance. Osborn said the school lost seven students during the year, mostly because of transportation issues or difficulties with parents finding suitable daycare.

Also, transportation costs posed a problem. Osborn estimated that the district spent more than \$6,000 last year picking up and dropping off students at mid-day.

"(Going to a full-day program) will help us in several areas," Osborn told trustees.

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### SENATOR: FLUFF WON'T FLY

**CAMBRIDGE (AP)** — A senator is taking aim at a childhood food staple: Fluff. Sen. Jarrett Barrios was so outraged his son Nathaniel, a third-grader, was given a peanut butter and Fluff sandwich at school, he lashed out to outlaw the marshmallow spread in school lunch programs.

"A Fluff sandwich as the main course of a nutritious lunch just doesn't fly in 2006," said Barrios. He said he will offer an amendment that would limit the serving in schools of marshmallow spreads.

Marshmallow Fluff and peanut butter sandwiches — Fluffernutters — have long been a favorite of New England kids.

### MOORE DEVELOPMENT

Goals and strategies for 2006-2007 and discussion of the upcoming budget are among the topics for the Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. board of directors, which convenes at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Also on the agenda are a resolution on behalf of Cornell Corrections, and two executive sessions — one to discuss economic development negotiations and the other to evaluate Executive Director Kent Sharp. Any action taken as a result of the executive sessions will be done so in open session.

Moore Development shares a building with the Chamber at 215 W. Third St.

### PARADE SET THURSDAY

It's time to rodeo. The 73rd Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, billed as the oldest continually running professional rodeo in the nation, kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Thursday with a parade beginning at 10th and Main streets.

The parade will move north on Main Street toward downtown before ending up on Scurry Street.

The rodeo begins later that night with the first of four performances. Gates open at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at the Rodeo Bowl. Performances get underway with the traditional grand entry at 8 p.m.



## Obituaries

## Cassie Lee Crook

Cassie Lee Crook passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 17, 2006, at Amazing Grace Assisted Living in Midland where she had been a resident for a number of years.

She was born on Nov. 4, 1906, at 501 N. Baird in Midland, to early Midland settlers, Martha Jane Potter and John Hildreth Potter.

After graduating from Midland High School on May 28, 1925, she worked for an early Midland law firm. On Aug. 14, 1929, she married William S. Crook in Big Spring, and continued to live here for the next 66 years of her life. She returned to Midland due to her age and health in May of 1995.

She was a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in both Midland and Big Spring. After returning to live in Midland her membership was transferred back to the Midland church. While in the Big Spring church she was a member of the Christian Women's Fellowship.

Cassie Lee was truly an old-fashioned homemaker, cleaning her house every day. She enjoyed cooking and had many cookbooks. Every year she did an enormous amount of canning. She also enjoyed doing crewel embroidery, collecting old cups and saucers, and playing canasta with her husband and friends.

Cassie Lee's parents, her husband, two sisters, Julia Midkiff and Mary Jane Potter; and two brothers, J.W. Potter and Thomas J. Potter; preceded her in death.

Survivors include her sister, Ellen Elizabeth Sledge; two nieces, Julia Edith Drake and Mary Jane (Janie) Slagle; and three nephews, John T. Midkiff and Robert H. Midkiff, both of Midland and Thomas J. Potter Jr. of The Woodlands. She is also survived by many great nieces and nephews, Gwen Jobe of Midland, Gary Glenn Drake of Tustin, Calif., Johnny Midkiff and Gregg Midkiff of Midland, Clay Midkiff of Edmond, Okla., Kris Stephens of Comanche, Herd Midkiff of Dallas, Matt Potter of Fallbrook, Calif., and Nick Dallas of Surprise, Ariz., as well as all their children and grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. David Nash, minister of the First Christian Church of Midland, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ells Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church Endowment Foundation, 1301 W. Louisiana, Midland 79701 or Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri Ave., Midland 79701.

Grateful thanks for fantastic care go to all the staff at Home Hospice and Amazing Grace Assisted Living.

*Paid obituary*

## Cleo S. Bailey



Cleo S. Bailey, 90, of Forsan, died on Monday, June 19, 2006, at the Odessa Hospice House. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. James Pinkley, her nephew and a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Bailey was born Sept. 26, 1915, in Motley County, and married E. M. "Rip" Bailey Dec. 25, 1938 in Whiteflat. He preceded her in death Sept. 2, 1997.

She moved to Big Spring in 1937 and taught school at Centerpoint. After marrying, she moved to Forsan where she taught school until retiring in 1978. Mrs. Bailey graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1947.

She loved making quilts and made quilts for everyone in her family. She also enjoyed letter writing and family genealogy. She loved her family and husband, whom she threatened to "trade for two burros" and he retaliated with, "I love you two cents worth." She was a Methodist.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Murl Bailey and Darlene Collins of Caldwell; her daughter, Kathy Bailey of Odessa; two granddaughters, Wanda LaGrave of Ransom Canyon, and Shannon Jeffcoat of Bowling Green, Ky.; two grandsons, Creighton M. Bailey of Austin, and Mitchell S. Collins-Bailey of Huntsville; seven great-grandchildren, four nieces and four nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Hiram, Homer, John Thomas "Buck" and Bill Smelser and two sisters, Gladys Williamson and Mary Lee Pinkley.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to Hospice House Foundation, Inc., 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, 79761.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

*Paid obituary*

## Effie Spears

Effie Spears, 76, of Big Spring died Monday, June 19, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

- **BOE PAYNE**, 24, 1509 Stadium, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ASHLEY RAMOS**, 22, 4000 W. Highway 80, Apt. F, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **AMY SARMIENTO**, 22, 703 San Jacinto, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LORENZO JANEZ**, 31, 1100 E. Fifth, was arrested on charges of failure to identify and DWLI.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported on the 1200 block of Main and the 1200 block of Wood.
- **ASSAULT BY THREATS** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 300 block of Third.
- **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** was reported in the 300 block of Third.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported in the 600 block of 16th.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th and the 600 block of 16th.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2900 block of Melrose. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 6500 block of E. Midway Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Abrams. Service was refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at Wasson Road and FM 700. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on South Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 19000 block of Gail Highway. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Benton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of 24th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of 15th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3300 block of 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 100 block of W. Fourth. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4200 block of Dixon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in Comanche Trail Park. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of E. 15th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 194 mile marker of Interstate 20. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in Comanche Trail Park. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of E. 15th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1400 block of 11th Place. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 200 block of Tubb Loop. Service was refused.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

- **RONALD LEE SIMONEK**, 51, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **SCOTT VELL AUTRY**, 23, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, theft of firearm and bondsman off bond warrant for theft.
- **EDDIE RAY MULANAX**, 32, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of DWLS/I.
- **TERRY ALAN COLLINS**, 34, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **ROSHANNA DAWN RICHARDSON**, 21, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of failure to identify and theft by check.
- **JUAN MANUEL GARCIA**, 40, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **RAUL CHAVARRIA**, 45, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **CYNTHIA ANN HERNANDEZ**, 42, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.
- **MARTIN MORENO GRANADOS**, 42, was arrested on a hold for Austin PD.
- **JOHN A. MORELION**, 49, was arrested on charges of contempt of court and disobedience of a court order.
- **RUFUS ANDREW DAVIS JR.**, 35, was arrested on a bondsman off bond warrant for burglary of a habitation.
- **ERNESTO RODRIQUEZ**, 31, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for DWI, second offense.
- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 23, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- **EMILY CARRILLO**, 42, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.
- **DWAIN A PAPE**, 55, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of harassment with previous conviction.
- **DAVID MORENO SALAZAR**, 43, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle, bondsman off bond for public intoxication and bondsman off bond for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **IRENE ALVAREZ**, 38, was arrested by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **JOAQUIN AGUIRRE DUENEZ**, 34, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of criminal mischief/family violence.
- **STELLA DELEON CANTU**, 35, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **TAMMIE SUE HORN**, 37, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of DWI, second offense.
- **RITA F. WILKERSON**, 43, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of DWLI.
- **JESSE PAUL SILVA**, 42, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of violation of protective order.
- **RICHARD ADAM RENTERIA**, 32, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of criminal trespass and resisting arrest.
- **JESSICA BLANCO**, 24, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.
- **SIDNEY DEWAYNE PARKER**, 37, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **JOE LEDESMA**, 43, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of failure to identify.
- **DANIEL JESUS LEMON**, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **DANNY LEE ARMSTRONG**, 44, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 2-23-29-30-35.  
Number matching five of five: none.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 6-10-25-35. Bonus Ball: 1.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.  
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$550,000.

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# Weather

Tonight ...Increasing clouds. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.  
 Wednesday ...Partly cloudy. Highs around 90. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Wednesday night ...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.  
 Thursday ...Partly cloudy. Highs around 90. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Thursday night ...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.  
 Friday ...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.  
 Friday night ...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.  
 Saturday ...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.  
 Saturday night ...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.  
 Sunday ...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s.  
 Sunday night ...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.  
 Monday ...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

# ELBOW

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"Enrollment is likely to pick up ... when parents know the program will be for the full day. That would eliminate the day care and transportation problems."

He added that students attending the program for the full day would be able to enjoy more educational experiences, like field trips, that were virtually impossible to schedule under the half-day format.

Osborn said the school is accepting applications now for the coming school year. Interested parents can contact school officials at 398-5444 between Monday and Thursday.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

# FISD

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Residents will probably have to wait until the 2007-08 fiscal year, when the tax rate drops to around \$1 per \$100 valuation, Johnson said.

Trustees will finalize the budget and tax rate for the coming year sometime in August.

In other business Monday, trustees:  
 • Learned that enrollment in Forsan schools on the last day of school this year was 665 students, an increase of six from the same time last year.

• Approved a hike in prices charged at school cafeterias for the coming school year. Students at Elbow will be charged \$1.25 for breakfast and \$1.50 for lunch, while students at the junior high/high school campus will pay \$1.25 for breakfast and \$1.75 for lunch.

This is the first time in four years the district has increased meal prices for students, Johnson said.

• Approved raises of \$2,000 for administrators and 3 percent for at-will employees.  
 • Approved the hiring of teachers Jeanette Lindsey and Jean Kelso at Elbow and counselor Angela Huckabee and teacher/coach Gary Huckabee at the high school.

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# RUNOFF

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The runoff election will be held Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Today is the last day of early voting. Voters will have extra time today to cast early ballots, with Bloom's office in the county courthouse remaining open until 7 p.m.

According to Bloom, District 2 runs from the northeast part of the city of Big Spring through the center of town south of the 1600 blocks of Lancaster east to State Street, with several blocks zig-zagging in the area, including the area surrounding Big Spring High School and Big Spring Junior High.

Anyone not sure about what voting district they are in should either check their voter registration card — city council district is located on the right side in the box labeled 'city' — or contact the election office at 264-2273, according to Bloom.

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# SOLDIERS

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Iraqi Maj. Gen. Abdul-Aziz Mohammed, who announced that the bodies of Menchaca, 23, of Houston, and Army Pfc. Thomas Lowell Tucker, 25, of Madras, Ore., had been discovered on a street in Youssifiyah, just south of Baghdad.

Menchaca's 18-year-old wife, Christina, a resident of Big Spring, spoke briefly Sunday night with Associated Press reporters during a telephone interview, but has since declined interview requests from the media.

"The family appreciates the concern expressed by the people in our community and all the prayers," said the Rev. Joel Miller, senior chaplain of the Emergency Services Chaplains Corps, who is serving as a spokesperson for Christina Menchaca.

Miller confirmed that Army representatives were with Mrs. Menchaca and her family early this morning, but at that time said there had been no official confirmation from the military concerning Pfc. Menchaca's fate.

Mrs. Menchaca and her mother had received so many calls from the national news media Sunday night, Miller said, that they had been absolutely exhausted. "As of right now, she doesn't want to be interviewed or make any kind of statement other than the fact that they appreciate everyone's concern and prayers."

The two soldiers had been manning checkpoints when they were attacked Friday. Another soldier with them was killed.

The director of the Iraqi defense military's operation room, Maj. Gen. Abdul-Aziz Mohammed, said the bodies showed signs of having been tortured. "With great regret, they were killed in a barbaric way," he said.

Mohammed also said the two bodies were found on a street near the town Youssifiyah, close to the scene of the attack. The U.S. military could not confirm that account.

The claim of responsibility was made in the name of the Mujahideen Shura Council, an umbrella organization of five insurgent groups led by al-Qaida in Iraq. The group had posted an Internet statement Monday claiming it was holding the two American soldiers captive.

"We give the good news ... to the Islamic nation that we have carried God's verdict by slaughtering the two captured

crusaders," said the claim which appeared on an Islamic militant Web site where insurgent groups regularly issue statements.

"With God Almighty's blessing, Abu Hamza al-Muhajer carried out the verdict of the Islamic court" calling for the soldiers' slaying, the statement said.

The statement said the soldiers were "slaughtered," suggesting that al-Muhajer beheaded them. The Arabic word used in the statement, "nahr," is used for the slaughtering of sheep by cutting the throat and has been used in past statements to refer to beheadings.

The U.S. military has identified al-Muhajer as an Egyptian associate of al-Zarqawi who is also known as Abu Ayyub al-

Masri.

The killings would be the first acts of violence attributed to al-Muhajer since he was named al-Qaida in Iraq's new leader in a June 12 Web message by the group. He succeeded al-Zarqawi, who was killed in a U.S. airstrike on June 7.

Al-Zarqawi made al-Qaida in Iraq notorious for hostage beheadings and was believed to have killed two American captives himself — Nicholas Berg in April 2004 and Eugene Armstrong in September 2004.

"I think the U.S. government was too slow to react to this," MacKenzie said Tuesday. "They should have had a plan in place."

MacKenzie said the government should have offered a \$100 million

reward and offered to exchange mujahideen detainees for the soldiers' lives. The government seized enough money from Saddam Hussein to afford it, he said.

The military has said more than 8,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops were searching for the missing men.

In Tucker's hometown in Oregon, yellow ribbons adorn the trees and store reader boards offer prayers of hope for his safe return.

Tucker's relatives declined interviews but released the text of a phone message Monday that Tucker recently left on an answering machine, telling his mother to be proud of him.

"I'm defending my country," Tucker says on the recording. "Tell sis and

my nephews hello for me, I'm OK, I'm on my way."

The family said in a statement Monday that their son had joined the military because he wanted to "do something positive." They also sent their sympathy to the family of Spc. David J. Babineau, 25, of Springfield, Mass., who was killed in the attack.

Lyndsay Kowaleski, a high school classmate of Tucker's, described "a sense of helplessness"

after learning Tucker was missing.

"Our hearts are broken with our friend being in this situation," she said.

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Guadalupe "Lupe" Ortega, 84, died Friday. Funeral Mass was at 10:30 AM Tuesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Closed military bases could be used for study

Cities that will lose military installations due to Base Realignment and Closure deserve help. They'll take economic hits when the troops move out and the service industry that caters to military needs dries up.

That's why its a good idea that Congress, or anybody, comes up with alternative uses for those most-times large tracts of land and the infrastructure that is already in place.

One alternative is a House bill that would convert closed military bases into oil refineries.

That's good, if the cities want an oil refinery, and if it's feasible. And if it will actually help us meet our need for oil.

Also, some in Congress point out that existing refineries plan to expand on their present sites.

New refineries, for example, need a pipeline to transport the crude oil. That costs a lot of money and possibly a decade in construction if there is no existing pipeline through the area.

Perhaps a better idea is using abandoned bases to study alternative fuels.

That's already the case in progress at Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene, Texas. Dyess was not affected by BRAC, and will remain a functional Air Force base. But it's already using wind power to generate 50 percent of its electricity and is constructing a new "waste-to-energy" plant that hopefully will produce the other 50 percent of its power.

The plant will use city trash to produce gas to power turbines to make electricity. Abilene and surrounding areas will have less trash to bury in landfills. That is a great environmental benefit.

In El Paso, Fort Bliss land is being used for a large desalination plant that will provide potable water to both soldiers and citizens in East El Paso.

The refinery plan is aimed at Texarkana's Lone Star Ammunition Plant. The city says it wants the refinery. The economic impact of a refinery could help the city.

Certainly other bases scheduled for military abandonment could be used for studying ways to produce cost-effective energy from unlimited-supply sources, such as wind, sun and natural gas from trash.

The U.S. must find such sources so we can cut dependence on foreign oil. BRAC makes some military bases available, and the surrounding cities would help offset what will be lost when the soldiers leave. It could help affected cities and prepare for the future.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Impact our life, Lord, with Your love.

Amen

## Feinstein's phased pandering

How is America supposed to win the war in Iraq when so many partisans in Washington — including high-profile Democrats who voted for the October 2002 war resolution — aren't doing everything in their power to make sure America prevails in Iraq?

Many Washington Dems seem to have devoted the last month instead to answering the question: With friends like these, who needs enemies?

The answer is: Not U.S. troops. The "phased deployment" crowd — to use Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein's euphemism for cut-and-run — does not seem to understand that when elected officials vote in favor of a war resolution, they assume a solemn responsibility to the troops who carry out their mandate. To wit, Congress is not supposed to follow a war vote with actions that undermine the war effort.

Yet that is exactly what Feinstein, who voted for the war resolution, is poised to do today as she introduces an amendment calling on President Bush to set up a timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops starting this year. Feinstein's cosponsors are fellow Democratic Sens. Carl Levin of

Michigan, Jack Reed of Rhode Island and Ken Salazar of Colorado — although it should be noted that Levin and Reed voted against the Iraq war resolution, while Salazar was not in the Senate in 2002.

Feinstein explained in a press release that, after three years in Iraq, "an open-ended commitment is no longer sustainable." Sunday, she told CNN's Wolf Blitzer, "Three years and three months into a mission that was supposed to take 30 or 40 days. That isn't cutting and running."

Partisan is the only word that can explain this measure. For one thing, the amendment is not even remotely necessary. Bush has said that he wants to pull out U.S. troops as fast as he can. Feinstein reminded Blitzer that Iraqi National Security Adviser Mowaffak al-Rubaie had "essentially set a timetable" when he told Blitzer the week before that there would probably be fewer than 100,000 multinational troops in Iraq by the end of the year, and that the overwhelming majority could be gone by mid-2008.

When both Iraqi leaders and the Bushies want to withdraw troops by 2008, if it is at all doable, why offer an amendment calling for withdrawal? The only reason: She wants her party to get the credit for ending the war, or she wants to rob the other party of the credit for ending the war.

The cost for this rank partisan-

ship, should the amendment pass? American troops in Afghanistan and Iraq are fighting an enemy that believes America has no political backbone. Measures such as Feinstein's reinforce the belief that killing Americans pays off — as Osama bin Laden concluded after U.S. troops essentially fled Somalia.

Feinstein has argued that a timetable would scare the Iraqis into making things work. If she is wrong, however, her measure instead would serve to undermine confidence in Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government, and thereby hinder efforts to stabilize a war-torn nation.

I want to be clear on this. Once a senator votes for a war resolution, the senator has not renounced his or her duty to criticize bad policies, nor does the senator forfeit the right to change his or her mind.

The senator, however, does have a responsibility to fight for victory — so that the troops who die abroad do not die in vain, or endure more fire because Washington pandered to voters' anxiety. They are risking their lives, and Feinstein doesn't even have the honesty to use the term troop withdrawal.

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## Don't listen to Judge O'Reilly...

Bill O'Reilly has the answer in the Duke rape case. No, he doesn't have any secret insight into the facts. As he freely admits, he doesn't know what happened that night to the woman who was called by the lacrosse team members to perform an exotic dance and ended up in the hospital with signs of trauma, according to the experts.

Nor is he an expert in sexual abuse law (unless time spent as a defendant in a sex harassment case makes you an expert). As a matter of fact, he's not even a lawyer — so everything he says about the law is suspect (and most of it is simply wrong).

But none of that stops America's top-rated pontificator from telling the district attorney in North Carolina that it's his ethical obligation to drop the charges against the three defendants in the Duke case.

Why? Because Bill's been watching a lot of television lately and, according to his latest "Talking Points Memo," he seems to have three arguments for dropping the charges, at least as best as I can tease out actual arguments from fuzzy logic. (Full disclosure: Both O'Reilly and I work for Fox News).

First, according to Bill, the case should be dropped because there are "no witnesses" in this case, and it boils down to a "he said, she said" — and therefore should not be prosecuted, much less be allowed to go to a jury.

Turn back the clock, and Bill's right. That was the law for much of the 1950s, and even into the 1960s and 1970s. A woman's testimony that she had been raped

wasn't enough unless it was "corroborated" by witnesses or other direct evidence, because it was considered to be too easy for women to lie about rape.

No other crime was subject to this special rule. The problem was that NO ONE commits rape with witnesses, and application of this sexist rule unfairly eliminated cases where the women were credible and the men weren't, assuming that prosecutors and juries were incapable of telling the difference.

Now Bill wants to return to the old rule, without even giving the woman a chance to speak her piece in court. Even if there is corroboration, he doesn't care. He has never heard from the skilled nurses and doctors who examined her at the hospital; he has never seen the evidence that was seized from the house, which may corroborate one version or another.

In fact, Bill is comfortable reaching his conclusion even though he has never heard anything except the self-serving accounts of the defense lawyers on television, which is no substitute for sworn testimony, subject to cross-examination — what the jury would hear. A one-sided television "trial" is enough for Bill to apply a rule that every jurisdiction in this country eliminated by the late 1970s.

Which brings me to Bill's second reason for dropping this case. The prosecutor, Bill argues, should drop this case in the interest of humanity, because every "tawdry charge" against the accuser will be heard in court if this case is allowed to go forward. To say that this is a circular argument is to state the obvious.

Besides, says Bill, her father says she is emotionally distraught, a point Bill then uses to say she's in no shape to testify. Damage someone enough, and you can

argue that they're too damaged to testify — so you can't be prosecuted for damaging them. Come on, Bill, can't you do better than that?

But once again, Bill fails not only on logic, but on law. The accuser's "dubious" history, as Bill puts it, is fair game on television, but it's a different story in a court of law. At the same time legislatures and courts were repealing their corroboration requirements, they were also establishing rules as to what aspects of a woman's sexual history were admissible in cases such as this. Facts that might explain evidence, such as bruises, sperm, etc. are clearly admissible; facts that would be introduced only to discourage a woman from having the courage to go forward — which seems to be exactly what Bill is referring to here — were to be excluded for precisely this reason.

I will never forget a Boston police officer asking me, only moments after I had been raped by a stranger, whether I had anything to hide. Sorry, Bill, but that rule has been changed, too. Having something to hide is no longer a reason to dismiss a case.

Finally, there's the real reason for dismissal: The boys' lives have been ruined, he says. No one wants to see anyone's life ruined. It's up to Duke to decide whether to let them attend classes pending trial. Maybe Bill should address his commentaries to Duke, instead of prosecutor Mike Nifong.

I'm all for a special prosecutor in the Duke case, to eliminate any appearance of politics. But don't turn back the clock on rape law in the rush to find these boys innocent. Trust the jury to find the facts, after a fair trial, not a pontificator after watching defense lawyers preen.

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# Finally understanding the Texas heat ... after 10 years

**A**ll right, enough is enough. I understand the true meaning of heat now!

Having been raised in South Carolina, where the average temperature during the summer was a dreamy 94 degrees,

accompanied by plenty of humidity to keep your sinuses nice and moist, the heat in West Texas has been simply amazing to me over the years.

When I moved here in the Summer of 1997, I traveled from my sister's home in Lake Jackson (near Houston) to Big Spring. Since my car's air conditioning unit had gone to the little garage in the sky many years

prior, my sister convinced me to make the drive during the night.

Now, don't get me wrong. It was hot in Lake Jackson when I left. But it was a soothing, coastal heat much like what I had grown up with and enjoyed time after time in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

However, as the sun began to come up while I was just on the other side of San Angelo, I learned two very important lessons that morning. First, don't eat anything with mushrooms from Denny's, and second, invest in air conditioning if you're going to live in West Texas.

Of course, being the rebel I am, I still don't have AC in my Jeep Wrangler, but it's not by choice... trust me.

And so, as the sun came up on what has come to be — at least in my mind — the great divide between civilization and the great desert,

I began to do what everyone without air conditioning did that day. I began to cook.

Of course, nearly a decade later, I'm a little more accustomed to the idea of "black flag days." I've finally learned cutting your grass at 2 p.m. during the summer isn't just dangerous, it's suicide no matter how big your yard is.

I've even learned those fancy misters — you know, those silly things that blow a cloud of wet mist on you to cool you off — actually become a baster once you break the 100 degree boundary.

There are other, fine ways to tell it's summer in West Texas. They include:

The birds have to use pot holders to pull worms out of the ground.

The trees are whistling for the dogs.

The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.

Hot water now comes

out of both taps.

You can make sun tea instantly.

You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron!

The temperature drops below 95 and you feel a little chilly.

You discover that during the summer it only takes two fingers to steer your car.

You discover that you can get severely sunburned through your car window.

You actually burn your hand opening the car door. We're talking an emergency room burn, here.

You break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7 a.m. Thirty seconds later, you stop sweating because you're already dehydrated.

Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"

You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.

The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.

Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.

The cows are giving evaporated milk.

And now, as I approach the 10-year anniversary of my coming to the Lone Star State, I've not only learned to respect the Texas heat, I've come to understand it.

It's very simple. It's evil, much like the demonic spirits that took over Emily Rose and that house in Amityville, and it wants very much to devour me. Is that a sane

fear? I'm not really sure. But I can tell you this... there are three people in my lil' corner of the world that get my undying loyalty. My mechanic, my doctor and the guy that works on my air conditioning unit!

By the way, thanks again, Jimmy.

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THOMAS JENKINS

## Thanks offered to all those who make mail carriers' food drive a success

**F**ood drive bags 70.5 million pounds — an amazing display of generosity.

Food banks, pantries and shelters across the nation have been restocked thanks to the millions of



GARY CRITTENDEN

Americans who responded to the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 13.

Letter carriers collected 70.5 million pounds of food donations along their mail routes in the nation's largest one-day effort to combat hunger, according to the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

Buffalo/Western New York NALC Branch 3, with a 1.9 million pound donation total, repeated as the top local branch for the fourth consecutive year.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the good people of Big Spring for their contributions. I would also extend my thanks to the letter carriers, rural carriers, clerks and all the other postal employees who collected, processed and delivered the donations to the local Salvation Army.

Although we did not reach the goal we had set for ourselves, the Salvation Army is supplied for several months. Hopefully there will be other organizations that will help to prevent the pantry from becoming bare again.

Even though we did not reach the goal we had set

for ourselves, I would fully expect next year to be even bigger and better.

Once again, the American people have come through with an amazing display of generosity and the people of

Big Spring, as always, held up their end.

*Gary Crittenden is postmaster in Big Spring. His weekly column centers on the history of and service available from the United States Postal Service.*

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♣ A Q 6

**WEST**  
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♥ K Q J 10 9  
♦ Q 10  
♣ K J 10 8 3

**EAST**  
♠ 10 9 7 3  
♥ 6  
♦ J 8 6 3  
♣ 9 7 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q J 5  
♥ A 8 7 5 4 3 2  
♦ —  
♣ 4

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1♥ 2♣ Pass 2♠  
3♦ 3♥ Pass 4♦  
Pass 5♣ Pass 6♦  
Opening lead — king of hearts.

On some deals declarer's chances of making the contract might seem quite poor, but many of these can be salvaged by perseverance and a modicum of good luck.

Take this case where West led a heart against six spades. Given the bidding, declarer realized he could not rely on heart ruffs in dummy to take care of his heart losers, since East would be able to overruff at will.

Tomorrow: Little strokes fell great oaks.  
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## Cool tips for hot weather refrigerator, freezer use

By The Associated Press

Summer's arrival makes this a sensible time to do a bit of preventative maintenance for your refrigerator and freezer.

As it gets hotter outside, more strain is placed on your refrigerator and freezer to maintain the appropriate temperatures, Doug Rogers, president of Mr. Appliance, says. "Appliances run more efficiently with some extra upkeep — the better you take care of your appliances, the longer they will last."

Here are some tips to keep them running smoothly and your energy consumption low during the hot summer months:

- Keep refrigerator and freezer stocked. It takes more energy to cool an empty fridge, so if yours is often near-empty, fill jugs or freezer bags with water and keep them in the freezer.
- Clean condenser coils. Unplug the refrigerator, and either vacuum or brush the coils. Keeping them free of dirt will help the refrigerator operate

more efficiently and trim utility bills.

- Defrost refrigerators and freezers. Frost buildup reduces the energy efficiency, so don't let it get to more than one-quarter of an inch.
- Check temperature settings. Your refrigerator's temperature should be 35 to 40 F, and the freezer's 0 to 5 F.
- Test refrigerator door seals to make sure they are airtight.

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# News briefs

## Homeowner shoots teens during alleged burglary attempt

LONGVIEW (AP) — A homeowner shot two teenagers, killing a 15-year-old, when he confronted them in his living room during an alleged burglary attempt, police said.

The homeowner, whose name has not been released by police, awoke early Monday morning to the sound of breaking glass in his Longview home, police said.

Armed with a gun, he went into his living room where he saw several people, including one person who appeared to have a weapon. Police said the homeowner fired at the person. Police would not say what kind of gun was used or how many shots were fired.

Trenton Joseph Houghton, of Hallsville, was found in the woods behind the home with a gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead at Longview Regional Medical Center.

A 14-year-old suspect was wounded in the shooting. Police found him when they were called to a nearby home. The boy was in fair condition late Monday.

A third suspect was detained by the homeowner and arrested by police. The 17-year-old faces a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Longview police Sgt. Shaun Pendleton said the homeowner has not been charged with any offense, but that it would be up to the Gregg County District Attorney's Office to pursue charges.

District Attorney Bill Jennings said the case was still under investigation.

## Torrential flooding hits Houston area, southwest Louisiana

HOUSTON (AP) — Emergency crews worked through the night to monitor flood-prone bayous and roadways as the Houston area braced for another round of rainstorms.

"Everybody is activated and will remain activated through the night," said Gloria Roemer, spokeswoman for Harris County Judge Robert Eckels.

Heavy rains on Monday closed highways and caused widespread flooding in Houston and southwest Louisiana, where 120 residents had to be evacuated from a nursing home.

Gov. Rick Perry deployed state rescue resources to help in case of more flooding. He planned to be in Houston on Tuesday and get a flooding update.

Showers dropped light rain over the Houston area early Tuesday morning, but there were no reports of flooding, officials said.

Flood warnings remained in effect for areas near bayous that run through the east and south portions of Harris County and a flood watch was in effect until Tuesday morning for about a dozen counties in Southeast Texas.

The National Weather Service predicted an average rainfall of up to an inch around the Houston area through Tuesday morning, with localized rains up to 3 inches.

"It's not a lot of rain, although that's an area that's susceptible to flooding because it's seen so much lately," meteorologist Patrick Blood said.

## Alleged assault brings \$30 million suit against MySpace.com

AUSTIN (AP) — The social networking Web site MySpace.com, which has become a lightning rod for warnings about online sexual predators, was sued Monday for \$30 million by a 14-year-old girl who says she was sexually assaulted by another MySpace user.

The lawsuit filed in Travis County District Court accuses the Web site, which has more than 72 million registered users, of having "absolutely no meaningful

protections or security measures to protect underage users."

In a statement, the Web site said it is "committed" to the safety of its members.

The suit was brought by an Austin girl who alleges that Pete Solis, 19, lied in his MySpace profile about being a senior on the football team to gain her trust and phone number.

Solis, who lives in the Austin suburb of Buda, was arrested on May 19 on a charge of sexual assault of a child.

"(MySpace) has got to take this seriously," said attorney Carl Barry, who's representing the girl and her mother.

Solis is also named in the suit along with News Corp., which owns MySpace. Solis could not be immediately reached by The Associated Press late Monday.

"We take aggressive measures to protect our members," said Hemanshu Nigam, chief security officer for MySpace.com. "Ultimately, Internet safety is a shared responsibility. We encourage everyone on the Internet to engage in smart Web practices and have open family dialogue about how to apply offline lessons in the online world."

## Woman convicted of capital murder for starving child

FORT WORTH (AP) — A jury took less than an hour Monday to convict an Arlington woman of capital murder for the starvation death of a 9-year-old boy, who prosecutors say weighed 35 pounds when he died.

Lisa Ann Coleman, 30, could face the death penalty for her role in the 2004 death of Davontae Williams, her girlfriend's son. The sentencing portion of the trial was set to begin later Monday afternoon.

Prosecutors have said Coleman, who shared an apartment with the boy's mother, beat, bound, neglected and starved Williams.

The boy's body was found stiff, emaciated, underdeveloped and covered in cuts and bruises, said Assistant District Attorney Mitch Poe.

Coleman's attorney Fred Cummings argued that Coleman had not meant to starve Williams and had given him nutrition drinks.

The boy's mother, 25-year-old Marcella Williams, awaits a separate capital murder trial.

## Craddick promises fair hearing on recorded votes

DALLAS (AP) — House Speaker Tom Craddick says he is open to a change in the policy on recorded votes if that is what House members want.

The Dallas Morning News said in an editorial for Monday that Craddick promised in a recent meeting with its editorial board that a measure on recorded votes would get a fair committee hearing and a floor vote if it is reported out of committee.

"I don't have a problem with recorded votes," he told the editorial board in a recent meeting.

Craddick defended the legislative committee process and the role of House chairmen to independently handle legislation pending before them, the newspaper reported. He said imposing his will on members would disrupt that system.

Texas is one of about 10 states that do not require lawmakers to record their individual votes, making it difficult to know where individual legislators stand.

Attempts to require individual recorded votes through state law or constitutional amendment failed in the 2005 legislative session, although the House and Senate made rules changes in January 2005 that legislative leaders said resulted in more recorded votes.

Craddick called for record votes during the recent special session on school finance.

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## Safavian found guilty on charges relating to Abramoff

WASHINGTON (AP) — A jury found former Bush administration official David Safavian guilty Tuesday of covering up his dealings with Republican influence-peddler Jack Abramoff.

Safavian was convicted on four of five felony counts of lying and obstruction. He resigned from his White House post last year as the federal government's chief procurement officer. No date was immediately set for sentencing.

founder Ralph Reed. The verdict came on the fifth day of jury deliberations.

The trial consumed eight days of testimony about Safavian's assistance to Abramoff regarding government-owned real estate and a week-long golfing excursion the lobbyist organized to the famed St. Andrews golf course in Scotland and London. Safavian went on the trans-Atlantic trip while he was chief of staff at the General Services Administration, and other participants were Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, two Ney aides and Christian Coalition

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## IN BRIEF

### Coahoma sets date for ragball tourney

The 2006 annual Coahoma Ragball Tournament has been set for Friday through Sunday at the Coahoma softball park.

The tournament will have signups at 5 p.m. Friday.

There will also be a chance for organization fund-raisers. To sign up for a booth, call Sara Fontana at 268-3728. The deadline for booth space is Wednesday.

For more information on the ragball tournament, contact Patric Robinson at 432-393-5622 or Randy Clanton at 432-393-5838.

### HC sets boys summer basketball camp dates

The Howard College men's basketball coaching staff and players will be conducting two camps this summer and both camps will take place in July.

For more information, call 264-6040. Enrollment is limited.

### BSGSA to hold ragball tournament

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association (BSGSA) will be having its annual co-ed ragball tournament June 30 and July 1 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

The cost of the tourney is \$110 per team and each team will play at least six games.

Interested participants can register at the complex between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. June 30. The first game starts at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

### Comanche Trail sets 'best of rest' golf tournament

The Comanche Trail Golf Course has announced that its annual 'best of the rest' golf tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday.

The entry fee for each two-person team is \$160. There will be free food on the course for all participants.

For more info, call 264-2366 or fax team info to 263-2563.

### Roethlisberger pays for no cycle license

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger did not have a valid motorcycle license when he crashed into a woman's car last week, and the driver — who will be cited for failing to yield — has received threatening phone calls.

Roethlisberger was arrested last week for driving without wearing a seat belt.

## Cuban lets go after Mavericks' Game 5 loss

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — By the time Mark Cuban arrived in the Dallas Mavericks' locker room, he'd already peeled off the Jerry Stackhouse jersey he had been wearing in support of his suspended forward.

The symbolism was fitting: Stackhouse's hard foul in Game 4 of the NBA finals was old news. The way Game 5 finished, Cuban had a whole new fight on his hands.

Cuban was irate over

what he considered a series of officiating breakdowns at the end of Dallas' 101-100 overtime loss to the Miami Heat on Sunday night. The loss left the Mavericks trailing the series 3-2 and facing elimination going into Game 6 in Dallas on Tuesday night.

When time ran out in Game 5, Cuban ran onto the court to vent at official Joe DeRosa, then stared down and screamed toward commissioner David Stern and a

group of league officials, from the court, then the stands.

Cuban was still boiling about a half-hour later during a testy interview with reporters.

He wrote a blog entry Monday explaining why he used profanity during a response to a question about whether this was the worst loss he'd endured.

"The reality is that it would be a waste of both of our time if I gave him the 'This was a tough one'

answer, and a waste of my time to really think about it, particularly given there were 10 other reporters wanting to ask questions and we had a bus to catch," Cuban wrote.

His mind-set is perhaps better explained in a posting left a few minutes before entitled "Right is its own defense."

Cuban wrote about applying that catchphrase — which he picked up from an old T-shirt — to a business venture he's

pursuing. He added that the slogan applies to the way he runs the Mavericks.

"I'm going to do what I think is right. Period end of story," he wrote. "You may not like that I want the officiating in the NBA to get better. I think it's the right thing to do."

NBA executives often praise Cuban for his passion, work ethic and high standards, even toward officiating.

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KRT photo/Paul Moseley, Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki, right, drives to the basket against the Miami Heat's James Posey during the fourth quarter in Game 5 of the NBA Finals at the American Airlines Arena Sunday in Miami, Fla. Nowitzki was recently fined \$5,000 for kicking the ball into the stands after the Mavs were defeated by the Heat. Game 6 will be played tonight in Dallas beginning shortly after 8 p.m.

## Nowitzki fined for drop kick

DALLAS (AP) — The NBA fined Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki \$5,000 on Monday for kicking the ball into the stands following Game 5 of the finals.

The league called the penalty its standard fine for such an action. Detroit's Richard Hamilton and Sacramento's Bonzi Wells had to pay \$5,000 after throwing balls off the court during games this season.

Also Monday, the NBA was reviewing the actions of Mavericks owner Mark Cuban after Dallas' 101-100 overtime loss to the Miami Heat on Sunday night.

Upset over several calls that went against the Mavericks in the closing seconds, Cuban ran onto the court to vent at official Joe DeRosa, then stared down and screamed toward commissioner David Stern and a group

of league officials, from the court, then the stands.

A league spokesman said Monday that NBA disciplinarian Stu Jackson wasn't at the game and hadn't reviewed what happened.

Even if any action is taken against Cuban, it may not be announced. Stern prefers to keep penalties against owners private.

Miami leads the series 3-2 going into Game 6.

## Carolina claims first Stanley Cup

• Oilers' comeback falls short in Game 7

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
AP National Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. — This time, the Stanley Cup gets to stay on Tobacco Road.

A couple of low-scoring Carolina defensemen put Edmonton's comeback on ice and Cam Ward stopped nearly everything that came his way, giving the Hurricanes their first NHL championship with a 3-1 victory over the Oilers on Monday night.

Aaron Ward and Frantisek Kaberle found the net for the Hurricanes — a couple of unlikely players to carry the offense, considering they were each six-goal scorers during the regular season

and had combined for only four in the playoffs.

Then there's the guy who made sure two goals was just enough. Ward, the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as the most valuable player in the playoffs, wasn't even Carolina's No. 1 goalie at the beginning of the post-season, but the 22-year-old rookie got the call when Martin Gerber struggled in an opening round against Montreal.

Ward wound up winning more games in the playoffs (15) than he did backing up Gerber during the regular season (14).

Justin Williams finished off the Oilers, scoring an open-net goal with 1:01 remaining after Edmonton had cut the lead in half early in the

third period.

Edmonton defenseman Chris Pronger, a stalwart throughout the series, gave up the puck in the Carolina zone and wound up making a helpless dive to block Williams' gimme into the goal.

Bret Hedican, among a contingent of 30-something Carolina players who had never won the cup, leaped in the air after Williams' shot went in. The crowd of nearly 19,000, which stood throughout the game, went into a frenzy.

"We want the cup!" they chanted over and over.

They got it, bringing the trophy to territory best known for Atlantic Coast Conference college bas-

## Rice edges Miami, Beavers take out Bulldogs at CWS

• Owls now 2-0, will meet either Miami or Oregon State next

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.  
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Cole St. Clair tried to persuade Wayne Graham all season to let him start a big game.

The Rice coach finally gave in to his star closer — at the College World Series.

"I wouldn't exactly call it pressuring Coach into letting me start, but it's just kind of, I don't know, taking the opportunity when I get it," St. Clair said. "I was excited when I got the news (Sunday) that I was going to get to start (Monday), and I just took advantage of it."

The big left-hander with the even bigger leg kick pitched five solid innings in his second career start. Tyler Henley led off the game with a home run, and Rice held on in the ninth to beat Miami 3-2 on Monday night.

"He is one of the guys I feel secure in telling him early that he's going to start because instead of it disrupting him in any way, he sees it as an opportunity," Graham said. "He goes home and centers himself on the job."

The 6-foot-5 sophomore pitched three scoreless innings in his only other start, Rice's 9-3 win over Sam Houston State on Feb. 21. He threw 92 pitches in this one, and allowed one unearned run

and three hits before being replaced by Bobby Bell to start the sixth inning.

"It's a feeling I haven't had in a long time, but after I get past my third inning, I kind of get my second wind," St. Clair said. "It's just a matter of once I get my leg up — I know I have that huge leg kick — it feels like it's all downhill from there."

The victory put the Owls (57-11) in the winners' bracket, and they need to win once to advance to the championship series. Rice will take on the winner of Tuesday's elimination game between Miami (42-23) and Oregon State (45-15) Wednesday night.

Earlier Monday, Oregon State eliminated Georgia (47-23) with a 5-3 victory. Tuesday's other elimination game matches top-seeded Clemson (53-15) and Cal State Fullerton (49-14).

Miami fell short in its comeback bid in the ninth as Bryce Cox struck out the last two batters with the tying run on third base and the potential winning run on first.

"Getting those two hitters out showed remarkable character and, obviously, remarkable stuff. He had it," said Graham, a former major leaguer. "That last slider was the reason I didn't have much of a career in the big leagues. I couldn't hit it, either."

With the count 2-2, Jon

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Jay checked his swing and plate umpire Randy Harvey appealed to third-base ump Joe Burleson, who said Jay swung for strike three.

Hurricanes coach Jim Morris ran out of the dugout and argued the call, and was ejected by Burleson shortly into the discussion.

"The umpire was totally right," Morris said. "It's just a little frustrating. The rule I don't necessarily agree with. Base coaches can't say anything to the umpires, like they're supposed to be statues out there. So you have to come out and say something in a situation like that."

With most of the crowd standing at Rosenblatt Stadium and cheering for one more out, Danny Valencia swung through a nasty slider to end it.

"I was feeding off the energy, not only from the guys playing behind me, but also the crowd," Cox said. "They were pretty loud."

Cox scattered three hits in 2-2-3 innings to earn his fourth save.

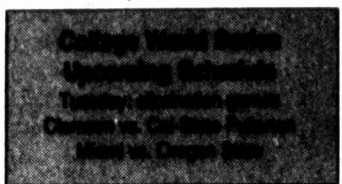
Rice gave St. Clair an early lead, scoring twice in the first against Danny Gil (4-3), including Henley's home run.

Miami scored an unearned run against St. Clair in the third after the Owls made two errors.

Rice added a run in the fourth on an RBI ground-out by Kenny Ford.

"I don't think it blows anything for our championship hopes," Weeks said. "We were down the first game against Ole Miss last weekend and lost the first game and came back fighting. I think the last thing for anybody to say is that we're down with hopes. We're going to come back strong and try to come back and win it all."

Oregon State 5,  
Georgia 3



Jonah Nickerson allowed two runs on four hits, and Oregon State survived anxious moments in the eighth and ninth innings to win for the first time in six College World Series games.

A year ago, in the Beavers' first CWS game since 1952, Nickerson (12-4) allowed two runs in seven innings and ended up a 3-1 loser to Tulane. The offense gave him an early 4-1 lead this time around.

"This year, it was a little easier to pitch and let the defense play for me because we had that early lead," he said. "Later in the game, I just went after hitters."

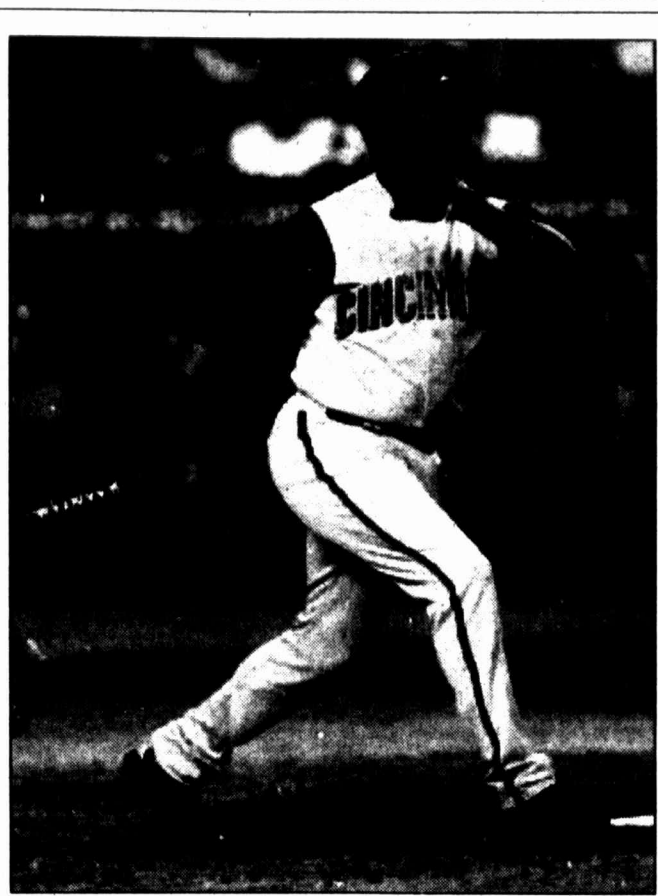
Chris Kunda drove in two runs and the Beavers (45-15) turned three double plays.

"Today was one of those deals where we had nothing to lose," center fielder Tyler Graham said. "We went two-and-cue last year, and we were hungry for a win. Hopefully we'll keep going."

Georgia's loss means the Southeastern Conference was winless in the CWS for the first time since 1994, when Auburn and LSU went a combined 0-4.

The Bulldogs lost Saturday's opener 6-4 to Rice, going six innings without a hit against the Owls' Eddie Degerman.

"Degerman and Nickerson, that's tough," Georgia coach David Perno said. "It was just a tough draw."



KRT photo/Audrey C. Tierman, Newsday  
The Cincinnati Reds' Ken Griffey Jr. hits a solo home run in the sixth inning against the New York Mets. The Reds defeated the Mets, 4-2, at Shea Stadium in Queens, N.Y., Monday. Griffey Jr.'s home run was the 548th of his career, tying him with Mike Schmidt for 11th on the all-time list.

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ketball.

The Oilers have nothing to be ashamed of, making it all the way to the final game of the season after barely getting into the playoffs. Fernando Pisani did it again for Edmonton, scoring his playoff-leading 14th goal just over a minute into the third to make a game of it, and goalie Jussi Markkanen had another strong game with 25

saves.

The best-of-seven series looked like a rout when Carolina rallied from a three-goal deficit to win Game 1 and blew out the Oilers 5-0 in Game 2. The Oilers also had to cope with the loss of playoff star Dwayne Roloson, who played every minute of the postseason in goal until he went out with an injury in the opener.

But, led by Markkanen, the Oilers rebounded from a 3-1 deficit with an overtime win in Carolina and a 4-0 rout in Edmonton.

CUBAN

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It's his approach they're not always fond of, which is why he's been fined more than \$1.2 million since buying the team in January 2000. That includes a \$200,000 tab this postseason.

A league spokesman said Monday that Stu Jackson, the NBA disciplinarian, was not at Game 5 and had not reviewed what happened. Even if a punishment is assessed against Cuban, the league doesn't have to announce it.

Cuban practically turned getting fined into an art form after going from an owner of season tickets to owning the Mavericks.

One comment about him not hiring the league's head of officiating to manage a Dairy Queen landed Cuban as a manager for a day; he also donned pinstripes and officiated a Harlem Globetrotters game.

As his team improved, there were fewer stunts. He remained a visible, vocal critic, though, enough for some to suggest that his team ends up not getting the benefit of the doubt from officials.

Mavs supporters have brought that up again in the wake of three players getting suspended this postseason, with Stackhouse the most recent.

Dallas had a chance to win without its top reserve, leading by 11 points early and by four late in the fourth quarter. Miami ended up winning on a pair of free throws

by Dwyane Wade with 1.9 seconds left in overtime.

Cuban had several gripes about the play that sent Wade to the line, starting with Wade not being whistled for a collision that left Dallas' Jason Terry on the floor.

"I guess that's not a call," Cuban said. "I guess that's not a foul."

An assistant coach later showed Cuban that Wade appeared to commit a backcourt violation before the contact with Terry.

It's hard to tell on replays because of the giant championship trophy logo at midcourt.

"My understanding from the rule book is, if you are going to catch the ball in the backcourt, you have to be in the backcourt to catch it," Cuban said.

Between Wade's free throws, Dallas was charged its final timeout. The Mavs insist they were only talking about calling it after Wade's second foul shot so they could set up a final play and move the ball to the frontcourt.

"Josh Howard goes to Joe DeRosa and not only once, but twice asks for a timeout," crew chief Joey Crawford told a pool reporter. "Forced to call it, simple as that."

Something else Mavericks followers are quick to note: Wade alone took 25 free throws, the same number as the entire Dallas team. The Heat took a total of 49 free throws.

"I don't know," Cuban said of the wide discrepancy. "I guess they got fouled more."

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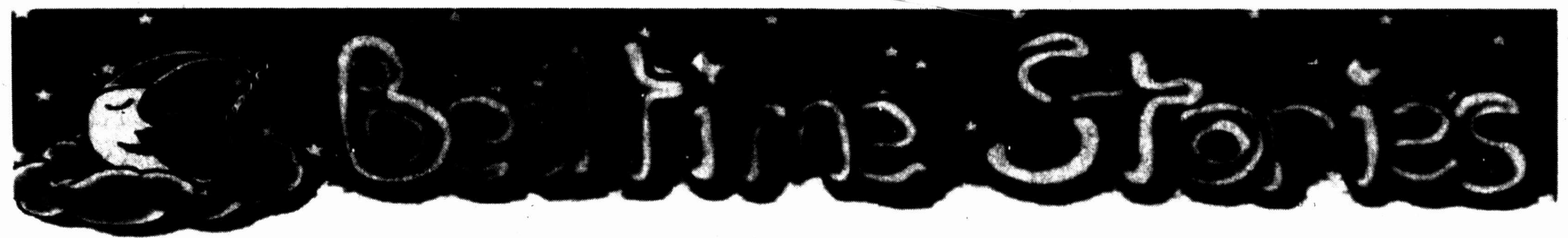
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POKEY JOE AND FASTLEGS FLANNAGAN

Here is yet another bedtime story my Grandfather told me when I was about, let's see now. I was about, yes, I was just about your age! It is a story that was strange to me because my Grandfather would not tell me who or what Pokey Joe really was. He did not ever tell me what Fastlegs Flannagan was, either. He made me use my imagination and guess. Now that I am older and am telling this story to you, I will not tell you, either. You must use your imagination, too! I finally figured out just who Pokey Joe and Fastlegs Flannagan are and I will keep my Grandfather's secret for awhile. When we finish this story, tell the person reading this story to you just who or what you think Pokey and Fastlegs might be. If you cannot guess, I will tell you in another story one day.

It all started when Pokey Joe was in the first grade in school. His name wasn't Pokey Joe then. It was just plain old Joe. He was a nice, kind little thing. He never made fun of or teased anyone. He never picked on anyone. He always tried to help everyone. Joe really

loved the first grade. He loved the teachers, too.

Then, after the first year of school, Joe went into the second grade. He loved the second grade too, until the new second grader started coming to school! This new second grader was not very nice, or kind. He was even a little bit of a bully! His name was Flannagan. He was such a show-off. He loved to run fast. And run fast, he did! He was fast, very fast. He could run faster than all the other pupils and teachers in the whole school. He could run faster than anyone in the whole city. Soon, all of the other pupils and teachers started calling him "Fastlegs." Fastlegs Flannagan!

Fastlegs always picked on Joe. He never gave poor little Joe a moment when he was not teasing him. Joe was too nice and kind to ever pick on Fastlegs.

Then, came the day of the big race. It was a race that the school had every year to see who could run the fastest. Everybody in the school had to enter the race. Even Joe. Even Fastlegs. What a race this could be. Joe thought that he could run very fast, too. All of the

racers lined up at the starting line. First there was Bobby, then Cliff, then Amber, then Joe, then Fastlegs!

The whistle blew! All the racers took off running. Fastlegs was soon ahead of everyone, then along came Bobby, then Amber, then

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Cliff, and then, way back there was Joe! Poor little Joe was the very last one. He did not give up, though. He ran and ran, just as fast as his little short legs would go. Huffing and puffing his way towards the finish line. He heard a noise behind him. He looked around. There was Fastlegs Flannagan, running the race the second time, and catching Joe. He caught Joe. As he was passing poor little Joe, he shouted, "Pokey Joe, go so slow. Fastlegs Flannagan, beat you if he ran again!" Pokey Joe! That name was going to stay with poor little Joe for a very long time. Soon, all of the other

racers were calling him, "Pokey Joe."

From that day forward, each and every race, poor little Joe heard that chant, "Pokey Joe, go so slow. Fastlegs Flannagan, beat you if he ran again."

All the time Joe was in the rest of the second grade, and third, and fourth, and fifth, and even into high school, he heard that mean chant, "Pokey Joe, go so slow. Fastlegs Flannagan, beat you if he ran again!" Then, came the biggest race of them all! It was the biggest, hardest, longest race the school ever had. The race went over hills and dales. It crossed very big streams, too.

All the racers lined up for this big race, each one wanting very badly to win! There was Bobby and Cliff, Amber and Fastlegs, and there was Pokey Joe. The loud whistle blew! Off they went, each one running as fast as they could, even Fastlegs! He wanted to win this race, too. And everyone knew that he probably would.

First came the hills and dales. Fastlegs was so far ahead of the rest of the runners that he could not even see them anymore. Pokey

Joe was so far behind the

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other runners that he could not see them anymore. "What a big hill," Joe thought as he started climbing and climbing, inching his way up that hill. Inch by inch he crawled, never giving up. Then, the top of the hill finally got closer and closer. Joe was so glad when he started down the other side of that hill. But what was that noise he heard way up ahead?

It was Bobby and Amber and Cliff, crying and screaming, "Help! Help! Fastlegs is in the stream and he can't swim. Someone please help." Now if there is one thing that little Joe could do and was really good at doing, it would be swimming. Off into the stream Joe jumped, and started swimming down, looking for Fastlegs. There he was! Floundering at the very bottom of the stream, trying to reach the top of the stream, but he could not swim. Joe

grabbed Fastlegs, quickly pulled him from the stream, and tugged him on to the dry bank of the stream. "What happened, Fastlegs," everyone asked? "I thought I could run fast enough to jump over this stream, but I did not make it across and I fell right in the middle. I can't swim."

Now little Joe had the chance to make fun of and tease Fastlegs, but he didn't do it. Remember, he is nice and kind to everyone.

Soon, Fastlegs was feeling much better and said, "Thank you, Joe. You saved my life. I will never call you 'Pokey' again. Fastlegs still beats Joe at racing, and they both smile about that. And from that day on, Joe was never called 'Pokey Joe' again. And when Fastlegs passes Joe in a race, he chants, 'Good Joe, good Joe, good from his head to his toe. Fastlegs Flannagan, never swim again.'"

Do you know what or who they are yet? Think about it while you are going to sleep, and if you do think of who or what they might be, be sure to tell them. "Good Night"



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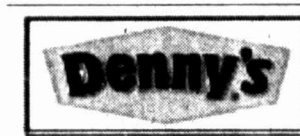
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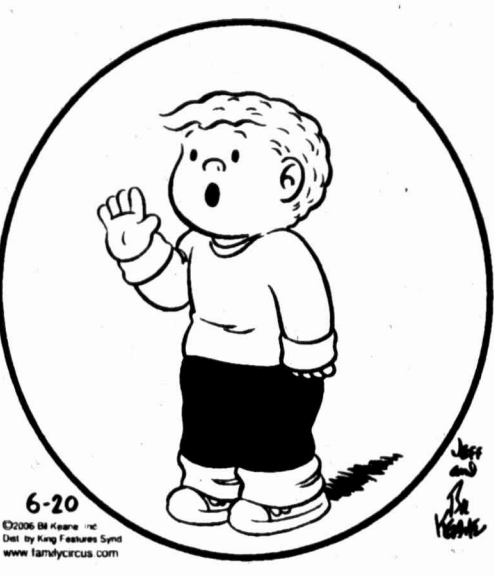
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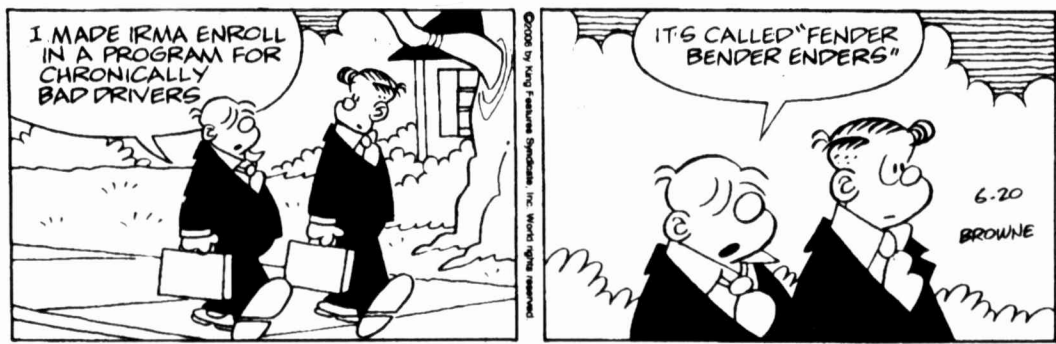
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 20, the 171st day of 2006. There are 194 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 20, 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Mass., found Lizzie Borden innocent of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

On this date: In 1756, a group of British soldiers was imprisoned in India in a suffocating cell that gained notoriety as the "Black Hole of Calcutta"; most died. (The exact circumstances of this incident — such as the number of prisoners, originally put at 146 — are a matter of historical dispute.)

In 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States.

In 1837, Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.

In 1863, West Virginia

became the 35th state.

In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, the U.S. cruiser Charleston captured the Spanish-ruled island of Guam.

In 1943, race-related rioting erupted in Detroit; federal troops were sent in two days later to quell the violence that resulted in more than 30 deaths.

In 1947, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at the order of mob associates.

In 1963, the United States and Soviet Union signed an agreement to set up a "hot line" between the two superpowers.

In 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted. (Ali's conviction was ultimately overturned by the Supreme Court.)

In 1979, ABC News correspondent Bill Stewart was shot to death in Managua, Nicaragua, by a member of President Anastasio Somoza's national guard.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Olympia Dukakis is 75. Actor James Tolkan is 75.

Actor Danny Aiello is 73.

Actor John Mahoney is 66. Movie director Stephen Frears is 65. Singer-songwriter Brian Wilson is 64.

Actor John McCook is 61. Singer Anne Murray is 61. TV personality Bob Vila is 60. Musician Andre Watts is 60.

Actress Candy Clark is 58. Producer Tina Sinatra is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lionel Richie is 57. Actor John Goodman is 54.

Rock musician Michael Anthony (Van Halen) is 52. Musician John Taylor is 46. Rock musician Mark DeGiantoni is 44.

Rock musician Murphy Karges (Sugar Ray) is 39. Actress Nicole Kidman is 39. Movie director Robert Rodriguez is 38. Actor Josh Lucas is 35.

Answer to previous puzzle

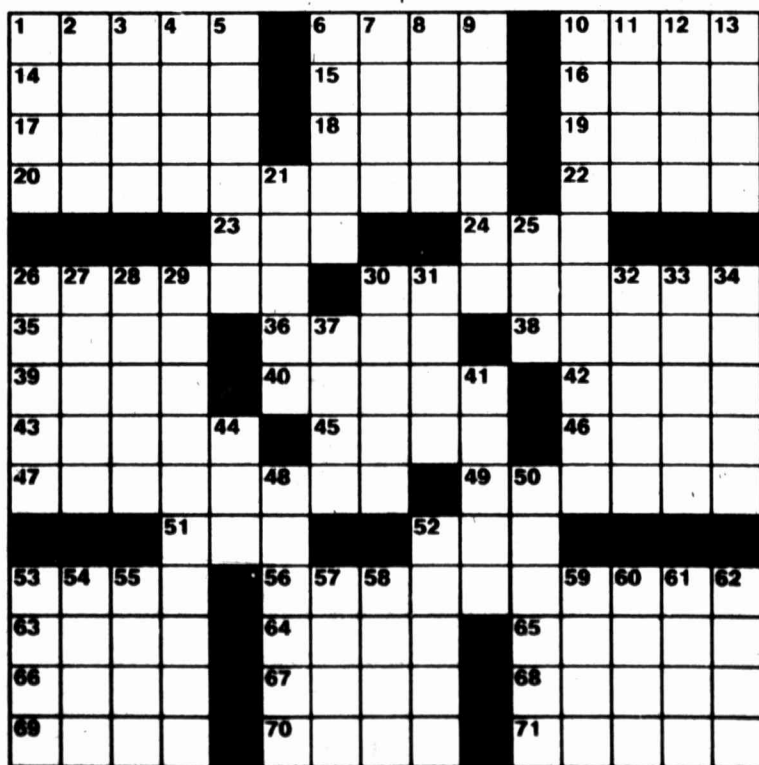
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Newsday Crossword

DOUBLE TALK by Sally R. Stein

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- ACROSS**
- 1 One-celled creature
  - 6 Lee of cakedom
  - 10 Mouse catcher
  - 14 Took a siesta
  - 15 Applaud
  - 16 Boxer's wear
  - 17 Swampland
  - 18 Word form meaning "all"
  - 19 Aid in a crime
  - 20 Say "Maine" or "Montana"?
  - 22 Castaway's home
  - 23 Boring routine
  - 24 Fox News rival
  - 26 Spots for skiing
  - 30 Innovative ones
  - 35 Israeli airline
  - 36 Typical Jordanian
  - 38 Unappetizing food
  - 39 Zhivago's love
  - 40 Polite refusal
  - 42 Taking a cruise
  - 43 Make changes to
  - 45 Butte relative
  - 46 \_\_\_-bitsy
  - 47 "Unfortunatly..."
  - 49 Glasses in eyeglasses
  - 51 Pod vegetable
  - 52 Spring mo.
  - 53 Lost one's footing
  - 56 St. Patrick's Day parade music?
  - 63 Vicinity
  - 64 Bad mood
  - 65 Where Boise is
- DOWN**
- 1 Naval bigwigs: Abbr.
  - 2 Castle protector
  - 3 Poet Pound
  - 4 Highest-quality
  - 5 Stick (to)
  - 6 F. \_\_\_ Fitzgerald
  - 7 \_\_\_ mater
  - 8 Make a scene
  - 9 Each
  - 10 Prepare a locomotive?
  - 11 Steals from
  - 12 59 Down's second son
  - 13 St. \_\_\_ (Tampa neighbor)
  - 21 Actress Sarandon
  - 25 Henpeck
  - 26 Monica of tennis
  - 27 Camel's South American cousin
  - 28 Propelled a canoe
  - 29 Artificial-flower factory?
  - 30 Slugger "at the bat" in a poem
  - 31 Slugger's stats
  - 32 Evicts
  - 33 Oscar winner Witherspoon
  - 34 Does in
  - 37 Italy's capital, to natives
  - 41 Designer Lauren
  - 44 Fawn's mother
  - 48 Biblical strongman
  - 50 Fine fur
  - 52 Matinee idol
  - 53 Like lightning
  - 54 Lake bordering New York
  - 55 Spider's octet
  - 57 Diarist \_\_\_ Frank
  - 58 Marriage or baptism
  - 59 Eden dweller
  - 60 Hoarse sound
  - 61 Shoot the breeze
  - 62 Sanctified





Chatter Box

★ "Where liberty dwells, there is my country."  
★ "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."  
★ "The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself."  
— Thomas Jefferson, on www.quoteagarden.com

# KID NEWS

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Wacky Facts

★ Delaware is named after Lord De La Warr, the English governor of Virginia in colonial times.  
★ Four Corners Monument is the only place in the United States where you can stand in four states at once (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah).  
— World Almanac for Kids

## Stride with Pride

MAKING THE BATON

- Materials**
- ★ Gold craft spray paint
  - ★ 3/4-inch diameter Styrofoam ball
  - ★ Empty wrapping paper roll
  - ★ Red, white and blue rolls of duct tape
  - ★ Gold 1/2-inch to 3/4-inch ribbon
  - ★ Glue gun and glue sticks
  - ★ Scissors
- Directions**
1. Spray the Styrofoam ball gold. This will take several coats. Let dry.
  2. Wrap the paper roll with alternating red, white and blue duct tape.
  3. Cut four 4-inch and four 6-inch lengths of gold ribbon. Attach the ribbon to one end of the baton with the glue gun.
  4. Attach the Styrofoam ball on top of the ribbon on your baton with the glue gun. (Ask for an adult's help!)

Organize your own parade for the Fourth

By MAGGI MANNING  
*The Dallas Morning News*

One great way to celebrate the Fourth of July is to march in a parade. Feel the drums, wave the flag and generally make the day an event.

You can join an organized parade with a group of friends. Many cities and neighborhoods are planning one, and you can search the Web for details on yours or call your neighborhood association or city to ask how to join in. Usually, you have to register in advance, show up at the parade site early and pay an entry fee.

Or, start your own parade, just among the families on your block. Set a parade time and invite the neighbors to watch your group march down the street.

Then decorate your bikes, break out your instruments and dress in your best red, white and blue. Here are ideas for dressing up and instruments you can make.



In The News

Researchers find apes have ability to think ahead

People aren't the only ones making plans. New research suggests that two species of great apes have the ability to think ahead. Researchers say this ability developed long before electronic planners or even the most basic calendars existed.

The study appeared in a recent issue of the journal Science. Scientists at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Germany worked with five bonobos and five orangutans for the study.



BEHAVING LIKE A BUNCH OF APES

Earlier research had shown that apes could find or even make tools to solve a problem on the spot. Scientists at the Max Planck Institute conducted their experiments to see whether apes would hold onto the tools for future use.

First, the apes were taught how to use a tool to get a treat. In this case, they needed the tools to reach grapes and juice bottles. The researchers then let the apes choose from a selection of tools. Not all were right for the task.

Once the apes had chosen their tools, they were taken to another room. An hour later, they were allowed back into the room for a try at the treats. Six out of 16 times, the apes chose the right tool, kept it with them in the waiting room and used it to reach the reward. The apes were just as successful even after more time passed.

A HISTORY OF THINKING AHEAD

Researchers say these findings show that human foresight may have evolved some 14 million years ago. Humans and great apes — chimpanzees, bonobos, orangutans and gorillas — are believed to share a common ancestor.

"By identifying what capacities our closest living relatives share with us, we can get a glimpse at our evolutionary past," scientist Thomas Suddendorf said in response to the study.

— Kathy Satterfield

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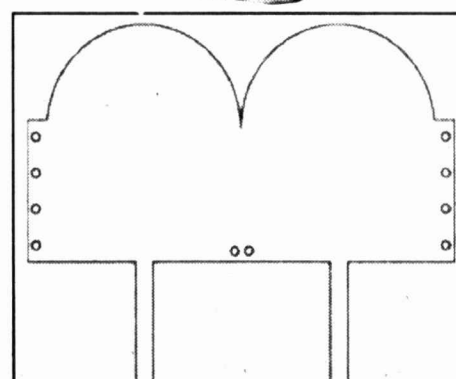
MAKING THE TAMBOURINE

- Materials**
- ★ Two 10-inch paper plates
  - ★ Scissors
  - ★ Red spray paint
  - ★ Patriotic stickers
  - ★ Eight jingle bells
  - ★ Hole punch
  - ★ Thin blue leather string
  - ★ Red, white and blue beads
- Directions**
1. Spray the bottom side of the two paper plates red. Allow to dry for one hour.
  2. Spray the rims of the top sides of the plates red. Allow to dry for one hour.
  3. Place the plates' top sides together.
  4. Punch a set of holes through both plates around the rim and tie together with 8 inches of string.
  5. Continue to punch sets of holes around the perimeter of the plates until you have eight sets.
  6. Tie each set of holes together with 8-inch lengths of string.
  7. Attach beads to four of the sets of holes, in every other hole. Use six beads for each set of holes in pairs of red, white and blue. Knot the strings together and cut off some of the extra string.
  8. Attach two bells at each of the remaining hole sets. Knot the strings together and trim any excess.
  9. Affix stickers as desired to the tambourine.



MAKING THE BOOT TOPS

- Materials**
- ★ Two 11-by-15-inch sheets of white craft foam
  - ★ One 9-by-12-inch sheet of blue craft foam
  - ★ Blue and red curling ribbon
  - ★ Four conchos (two packs of two)
  - ★ Craft glue
  - ★ Hole punch
  - ★ Scissors
  - ★ Velcro tape or buttons
- Directions**
1. Using the template, outline the boot top on a sheet of white craft foam. Cut out with scissors.
  2. Outline the top of the template on a sheet of blue craft foam. Draw the bottom of the curve in a zigzag line. Cut out with scissors.
  3. Attach the blue decorative piece to the white boot top with craft glue.
  4. Glue one of the metal conchos to the center of each side of the boot top.
  5. Allow glue to set for 1 1/2 hours.
  6. Cut eight 18-inch lengths of red and blue curling ribbon. Thread the ribbon through the conchos and tie. Curl the ribbon by running the scissors blade across the ribbon.
  7. Punch two holes 1/4 of an inch apart in the bottom center of the boot top for shoelaces. Thread the laces of the tennis shoes through the punched holes.
  8. Punch four holes down each side of the back of the boot top, lining them up so they match. Overlap one side over the other and thread a length of curling ribbon into the top holes and out the second set. Tie. Then thread ribbon through the third and fourth set of holes. Tie.
  9. Attach Velcro to secure the bottom strap.
  10. Attach Velcro to hold the boot top to the tennis shoe by placing a strip or button at the back of the tennis shoe and at the corresponding spot on the inside of the boot top.



Enlarge this template to fit a sheet of white foam.

Puzzle Play

Presidential word search

On July Fourth America celebrates its 230th birthday. Celebrate the U.S. presidents with this word search.

ADAMS	A D B W A S H I N G T O N
BUSH	J R W K G H O D O N E S T
CARTER	U O M E L P E E X C X Q W
CLINTON	Z O H N N O T N I L C E S
FORD	G S T I N P O K N B W S A
JOHNSON	H E I E S I S T L Y M U O
KENNEDY	P V G D X O Z I Q A W N F
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WASHINGTON	R B N T T I V
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